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Greetings From the East



Another year of Masonry has come and gone and it has been an active one for Phoenix. We have raised 28 to the sublime degree of a Master Mason.

This year we endeavored to have a well rounded program, something for each brother to participate in if he so desired. For some activities we had a lot of participation and in others such as the work bee to repair and tar the roof practically none. We visited and put the degree work on in five lodges, besides visiting Ontario Lodge No. 521 in Windsor. We had three lodges confer the degrees in Phoenix. We had a successful Christmas party and a trip to Masonic Home plus several dinners with wives as guests. We officiated at 6 funerals and assisted on 3, the latter just furnishing pall bearers.

A Historical and Library project was set up and cabinets were built under the chairmanship of Curtiss Bassett, and several members are now using its contents.

The Fellowcraft team under Marv Shannon have portrayed the Master Mason degree on several occasions, sometimes with as many as 25 craftsman participating.

We had three special occasions preceded by dinner in the temple dining room that were well attended. Sr. wardens night, Charles K. Bohn night and combination Life Members and Past Masters Night also an overnight trip to Whitehall where the wives

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Masonic Christmas Party Dec. 18

The Annual Masonic Christmas Party will be held December 18 in the basement of the Temple.

As usual each parent is to bring a gift for their children with their name indicated

plainly on each package. Santa Claus will pass these out to the children.

Ice Cream, cake, coffee, and milk will be furnished, and it is hoped that many families can come. It will begin at 7 p.m.



Lodge Statistics for 1962

Brother Secretary Ralph Oltmanns has issued the following report which shows statistically the progress of Phoenix Lodge for 1962.

Status of Membership Report 1962

Members as of December 6, 1961	754
Brothers raised in 1962	28
Restored	2
Associated by Demit or Transfer	3
Total Gain	33
Brothers Deceased	8
Transferred out	3
Suspended for non-payment of dues	3
Total Loss	17
Members as of December 6, 1962	770

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At the first special meeting of the new year of 1962-63 held on November 26, the new officers were very proficient in their work as they gave the initiatory degrees to Mrs. Blanche Hall, Mrs. Imogene Byrd and Mrs. Agnes Bernice Keens. A delicious dinner was served preceding the meeting with Associate Matron Marie Robbins and Sister Dorothy Schaab in charge. During the year all special meetings will be preceded by a dinner and reservations are to be given to Sister Marie or the telephone committee.

Our most successful Bazaar to date was held on Nov. 30. The theme of "An Old Fashioned Christmas Homecoming" was carried throughout by the various booths and their decorations. Those who attended found themselves in a gay atmosphere for the Christmas season. The beautiful handmade aprons, baked goods, homemade jellies, relishes, handicrafts, toys and dolls Christmas decorations and white elephants were so attractively made and displayed that it was impossible to pass by a booth without making a purchase. Chairmen of the various booths were: Aprons, Thelma Milne; Toys and Dolls, Pat Bailey and Laura Geib; Candies, Dorothy Schaab and Thudora Fanslow; Christmas Decorations. Althea Eddings and Sue Rau; Fancy Work and Handicraft, Pearl Wilbur and Ethyl Schrader; White Elephants, Gladys Carter; Tea Room, Helen Crane. The Rainbow Girls checked coats and sold Christmas cards and napkins in their booth. The meals were served cafeteria style to a crowded dining room and all comments were favorable.

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Retrospections

by Uncle Lou

This month our subject not only served three years as Worshipful Master but he had three given names — Charles Fitz Ray Bellows. Also at different times in his life-time he had been a member of six different lodges, as well as having been Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1883.

The name of the lodge in which he was raised is not known. The other five, all of Michigan, were Siloam No. 35 of Constantine, Decatur No. 99, Phoenix No. 13, Wabon No. 305 of Mt. Pleasant, and Jackson No. 17. The longest term was nearly 20 years in our lodge from 1873 to 1893.

As a Professor of Mathematics, Brother Bellows taught at several Michigan Colleges. For a period of 24 years he was connected with our M.S.N.C. (Eastern Michigan University). It was during



his residence here that he became Most Worshipful Grand Master.

He was born October 26, 1832 in Charleston, New Hampshire, a son of William E. Bellows. Brother Bellows married Julia E. Walters April 12, 1855. This couple was blessed with six children, two boys, and four girls.

Brother Bellows died April 16, 1907 in Ypsilanti and his wife died December 6, 1924 at Michigan Center. Both were buried in Block 12 of our beautiful Highland Cemetery.

Officers For 1962

Worshipful Master	Nels R. Mickelson HU 2-5860
Senior Warden	Alan Stewart HU 2-4211
Junior Warden	Paul O. Hamilton HU 2-2454
Secretary	Ralph T. Oltmanns HU 3-1913
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Steward	Charles T. Hall HU 2-8496
Marshal	James H. Gream HU 2-0213
Tyler	Wesley D. Penman HU 2-9704

Bowling News

With the Masonic Bowling Leagues almost half over the competition is getting keen. Indoor Comfort has taken over first place in the 9 o'clock League, while City Radiator held on to the lead in the 7 o'clock League.

7 o'clock

City Radiator	36½
Metco Processing	32
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Wilbur Heating	26½
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9 O'Clock League

Indoor Comfort	32½
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accompanied us.

You can see from the above that we had an active year with a variety of activities in which you could participate and if you didn't come and join in any of the functions, you didn't enjoy the fun and fellowship we have had together. Make a resolution now to be more active this next year. You will have a good line of officers so please support them.

As this is my last column I want to thank the officers for their support and friendship. Sr. Warden Alan Stewart and I have enjoyed several trips and dinners to other lodges for their special occasions; Jr. Warden Paul Hamilton has done a tremendous job in his station by figuring out the amount of refreshments to have on hand and the number of dinners to order for each occasion. Sr. Deacon Vint for keeping the De-Molay organization in tack. Steward Charles Hall faithfulness and learning the Fellowcraft lecture, also James Gream, Marshall for carrying out the duties of his office in a dignified manner and learning the Entered apprenticeship degree charge. P.M. Irvin Hendershot, Chaplain for always being willing to help where ever needed and teaching candidates their lessons. The newly appointed Chaplain, Loren Kemp for his interest and learning his parts in such a short period of time.

The treasurer P.M. Carl Schultz for keeping our finances in a balanced state. Our Secretary Ralph Oltmans who has again this year carried out the duties of his office in a very efficient manner. Also our tyler and fifty year member Wesley Pennman for seeing that the duties of his of-

fice were always in capable hands if not present to handle them himself.

The committees for 1962 functioned well on each occasion and are to be congratulated. The following brothers being most active and carry out their assigned duties; Curtiss Bassett, Raymond Vorce, P.M. Charles K. Bohn, Clayton Proctor, Walter Prieshorn, P.M. Irvin Hendershot, P.M. Hugh Dinsdale and Ralph Hunt and the entire Fellowcraft team under the capable direction of Marvin Shannon. To each of the above I am most grateful and thankful for assisting me this past year and use this means to express my sincere gratitude for your labors.

Just a word brothers, your Masonic Temple Association needs your help. We are about to lose all the revenue from the bowling alleys. We do need an outside source of revenue to maintain our temple. So give it some thought, attend the association meetings, express your ideas.

In closing brothers I want to thank the members of Phoenix Lodge for the faith and trust they placed in me and for the privilege of serving you in this high office. May each of you and your families have a real Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours
Nels R. Mickelson W.M.

Union Council Officers

The present Officers for Union Council No. 11 R. & S. M. for 1962 are:

Albert E. Greenham	Thrice Illustrious Master
Ray O. Robinson	Deputy Master
David M. Staples	Principal Conductor of the Works
Erwin P. Hendershot	Chaplain
Allen L. Ogle	Marshall
H. Cecil Holtz, P.T.I.M.	Treasurer
George O. Boone, P.T.I.M.	Recorder
Richard J. Schlanderer	Captain of the Guard
Lewis W. Lefler	Conductor of the Council
Charles T. Hall	Steward
Isadore Steiner	Sentinel

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Excelsior Officers

The present Officers of Excelsior Chapter No. 25 R. A. M. for 1962 are:

Allen L. Ogle	High Priest
Charles T. Hall	King
William B. F. Lucado	Scribe
Ulysses E. (John) Collins	Captain of The Host
George O. Boone	Principal Sojourner
Martin E. Siler	Royal Arch Captain
Roy E. Meadows	Master 3rd. Veil
George C. Baker	Master 2nd. Veil
E. Clayton Proctor	Master 1st. Veil
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as to the delicious variety of foods and the service. Sister Marie and Sister Hazel Laidlaw were in charge of the kitchen. Our Conductresses, Rosemary Hines and Doris Vint did a beautiful job on the table decorations. Your Worthy Matron, who was general chairman, was pleased and humbled by the cooperation of each and every member who worked, donated and gave their time to making this such a successful project.

On December 10, we had many members present when we had our composite School of Instruction with Ann Arbor Chapter. Sister Berteen Kiecher, Grand Esther gave the Instructions.

Plans have been made for the annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 18. This year the committees have met and decided to dispense with the pot luck dinner. Following a program and cartoons for the children and a visit from Santa Claus, refreshments of ice cream and cake will be served. Plan now to bring your children or grandchildren. Santa will have a gift for each of them.

We are happy to report that Sister Lucille Curtis is recovering nicely from recent surgery. She is convalescing at home and I know she would appreciate hearing from you. Sister Ruby Panter has just undergone surgery at the Woman's Hospital in the University Center. Please remember her with cards and visits.



It means so much to be remembered when you are ill.

Again we ask that you contact me or Sister Marie Robbins when you hear of any illness in our membership. We don't want to miss anyone.

A reminder to all our Past Matrons and Patrons! The annual dinner will be held on Monday, January 7. Please keep this date in mind and try to attend.

We will not be having a special meeting this month, but we hope that many of you will attend our business meeting on January 14. We need your continued support as we start a new year for the glory of our Order.

As this most sacred Christmas season approaches, your Worthy Patron and I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and may the coming year bring you much happiness and prosperity.

Fraternally,
Winnie Arnet
Worthy Matron

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In Memoriam

One more name has been added to the roster of the Celestial Lodge above over whom the Supreme Grand Master presides.

Clifford M. Hilmoe

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FELLOWCRAFT:
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MASTER MASON
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